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GLEN THOMAS EVANS

LEHI POSTMASTER

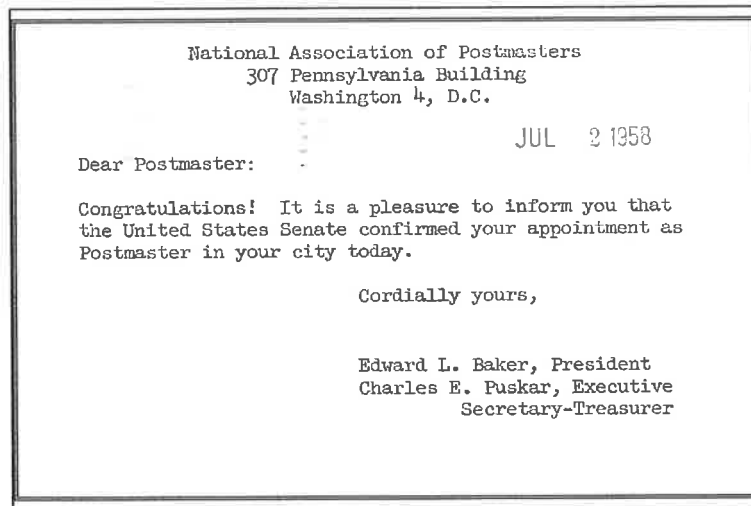


Glen Thomas Evans was born January 17, 1917 in Lehi, Utah. His parents were Aaron Evans and Beulah Thomas Evans. Glen grew up in Lehi and attended Lehi schools, graduating from Lehi High School.

Aaron Evans was a farmer and Glen and his brothers worked with their father on the family farm. In 1941 Glen was drafted and served for four and a half years in training and combat in the Pacific Islands. When he returned home he continued to work on the family farm with his brothers, his father having passed away before he returned home. The Evans brothers also ran a lumber, hardware and feed store along with a mill. Glen was Secretary and Treasurer for this establishment called Stewart Lumber Company.

In 1957 Glen applied for and became the Acting Postmaster for Lehi, working in this position from May 1, 1957 to July 27, 1957. His supervisor was George A. McDonald, district manager. Glen had 5 men and 1 woman working under him at the Post Office.

He applied to become the permanent Post Master in 1957 and was confirmed by the United States Senate in this position on July 2, 1958.



Glen Thomas Evans “Postmaster” (Lehi), Retiring Postmaster A. Carlos Schow, Grant Richmond, from the State of Utah Postal System, Retiring Postmistress (Cedar Fort) Mrs. Paterson, New Postmistress (Cedar Fort) Paralee Strickland.

When Glen became the Postmaster there were two city routes, one RFD Route and one Star Route. “We went from foot routes to bicycle routes, to mounted routes.”ⁱ

“When the bicycles came to Lehi there was quite a bit of adjusting to be done. Vivian (Carter) and I had ridden bicycles in our youth but I think George (Tripp) and Glen had concentrated on being good horseback riders. The bicycles came the same year the sewer was being put in Lehi. One fine day George was riding along delivering his mail and watching a large backhoe dig a deep trench on the East side of town, not paying too much attention to the direction he was going and went right on down into the ten foot trench. The bicycles had a bad habit of frequently getting flat tires when least expected due to the puncture weeds all over town. George’s bicycle got a puncture in the morning and Glen said, ‘start out on your afternoon route and when the tire gets fixed I’ll bring the bike out to you’. The mail volume was very heavy with magazines that day. The tire got fixed and Glen started out and everything was going fine until he wanted to stop. He hollered ‘whoa’ but the bicycle wouldn’t stop and he hit a curb, was tipped off the bike and ripped his pants.”ⁱⁱ



Back Row: Karl Price, Vivian Carter, Larry Evans, Wayne Powell, Burton Kirkham.

Front Row: Glen Evans, Postmaster, Elva Allen, George Tripp, Don Peet.

“Then there were the runaway jeeps that weren’t talked about until months after they ran away. Regulations said you were to put the jeeps in park each and every time you stopped and dismounted and to set the hand brake. This was time consuming and some park brakes were set so tight that your arm would be aching in about an hour...Some jeeps had the habit of slipping out of park into drive once in a while. My jeep’s brake was one of those that

was set up too tight. One day coming down Third West I stopped Bones, put the gears in park, got out and delivered the mail and started back to the jeep. To my dismay it was going down the road. That probably wasn't the fastest 100 yard dash but it probably tied for second or third place."ⁱⁱⁱ

Glen was a tireless worker. He arrived before most of the postal workers each morning and often took over for them as they needed time off for various occasions. One of the workers was Herman Goats, Stake President of the Lehi Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and he often had church business to attend to. Glen gladly put in extra hours to help his workers. One of his workers, Merlin L. Wright later wrote about Glen's willingness to help. "I remember in 1973 when we had such a big storm that I was snowed in for three days at my home. You didn't insist that I be to work, but went out of your way to absorb my duties until I could get back on the job."^{iv}

"I remember when you broke your ankle. It didn't slow you down much. You were right there at work, cast and all, waiting on customers all day long. Your concern for the customers and dedication to the Postal Service were sincere and appreciated by the citizens of Lehi and your fellow workers."^v

Merlin L. Wright remembered coming home from summer camp while he was in National Guard. They got home on a Sunday and Sargent Beck knew that their pay checks would be at the post office. "He simply said, 'Don't worry about it, our Postmaster will be glad to come in on his Sunday off and release your paychecks'. He was right."^{vi}

Glen encouraged his workers to do their best. "I appreciate the opportunity, Glen that you gave me to take an accounting class, and a class in business management at the Utah Valley Community College, on post office time. I believe that was the opportunity that really sparked my interest in management...I am benefitted from that help. Today I am the Postmaster in West Jordan with a staff of 52 people. I owe a lot to you for the support and opportunities you gave me which helped me to be confident in myself."^{vii}

In the spring of 1974 Glen suffered a massive stroke. He was completely paralyzed for a while and his speech was affected. But Glen approached this challenge like all others in his life with a dedication to doing all he could to recover. "I remember when you had your stroke and how worried all the citizens of Lehi were about you. How concerned I was about you when I came to visit you in your home. You were looking pretty poor...It was a scary time for your family and friends."^{viii}

Glen worked hard to recover and his speech returned and his balance became better. It was difficult at first to walk, but he continued to do all he could and was able to return to the post office for a short while. The work there became more than he could manage and he

finally retired. It was a hard decision for him. He loved his work and the people he worked with over the years. He spoke of them with affection and appreciation.

Glen Evans Retires After 21 Years as Postmaster

Glen T. Evans retired recently from a 21-year stint as Lehi's Postmaster. He was honored by his fellow postal workers on July 26. They presented him with a beautiful gold watch for his years of dedicated service.

Mr. Evans was born January 17, 1917, in Lehi, to Beulah and Aaron Evans. He attended Lehi grade school and Lehi Junior High. He graduated from Lehi High School where he participated in several sports programs.

He joined the Lehi National Guard on March 3, 1941 and served for five years. Three years were spent in battle in the South Pacific during World War II.

He married Edna Bowen on January 10, 1942, in Escondido, California. Their marriage was later sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. They have had eight children: Glen Thomas, Jr. (deceased); Vicki Rasmussen, Brigham City, Utah; Judy Rasmussen and Esther Galloway, American Fork; Kirk, Pat, Calvin, and Bart all of Lehi. He is the proud grandfather of 16 grandchildren.

An active member of the LDS Church, he holds the office of high priest. He has held various positions in his ward. He became acting-postmaster on May 1, 1957, and was made postmaster a year and a half later. He has given 21 years of service in this capacity. He has been a hard worker and has loved his work and all of those with whom he has worked. He



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expressed his appreciation for the people of Lehi and his association with them

Glen is a loving husband, a devoted father, a cherished grandfather, and always a hard worker; he has put the welfare of others far above his own. Even with ailing health, he has never let down, but has continued to fulfill all obligations to the best of his ability.

Glen suffered additional strokes and a major heart attack and eventually cancer. The doctors told his family he would not live long after his first major stroke, but he had the desire to be with family and courage to face a lot of pain. He lived in ill health for twenty two years before he passed away on December 24, 1995. He was gentle, kind, patient in suffering, quiet in demeanor, and steadfast in his love for his family. He was buried in the Lehi Cemetery December 29, 1995 with military honors by the Veterans Association.

Glen was survived by his wife Edna Bowen Evans and his children Vicki (Jerry) Rasmussen, Judy (David) Rasmussen, Esther Catherine Galloway, Walter Kirk (Bonnie) Evans, Patricia Evans, Calvin Aaron Evans, Kenneth Bart (Lorrie) Evans, nineteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Glen Thomas "Tommy" Evans.

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August 7, 1978


Mr. Glen Evans
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Dear Mr. Evans :

I recently read that you retired as Lehi's Postmaster after 21 years of dedicated service.

Let me join with your family and friends in extending my best wishes to you.

Sincerely,



Gunn McKay
Member of Congress

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ⁱ “Memories of Don Peet” written to Glen and Edna for their 50th wedding anniversary part – 1992.

ⁱⁱ Ibid

ⁱⁱⁱ Ibid

^{iv} “Memories of Merlin L. Wright” written to Glen and Edna for their 50th wedding anniversary party – 192.

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^{vi} Ibid

^{vii} Ibid

^{viii} Ibid